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Corps to dredge five Michigan harbors

DETROIT — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, has announced that it awarded contracts totaling \$1.44 million to a pair of Michigan companies to dredge five harbors in the Great Lakes.

The five harbors will be: the outer portions of the St. Joseph, Grand Haven and Holland Harbors along with Ontonagon Harbor and Ludington Harbor. Dredging will begin this spring.

"Dredging is needed to keep the shipping lanes open to these Michigan cities, which helps the economy," said Mike O'Bryan, the Detroit District's Chief of Engineering and Technical Services Division.

Michigan-based The King Co., Inc. of Holland was awarded three contracts, totaling \$1.05 million. King will dredge four harbors: St. Joseph, Ludington, Grand Haven and Holland.

The Corps awarded a \$378,400 contract to The King Co. to remove 42,000 cubic yards of shoaled material from St. Joseph Harbor, a \$223,900 contract to dredge 35,000 cubic yards of material from Ludington Harbor and a \$453,650 contract to remove 40,000 cubic yards of material from Grand Haven Harbor and 29,000 cubic yards from Holland Harbor.

Luedtke Engineering Co., of Frankfort, Mich., was awarded the Ontonagon contract. The contract was awarded to dredge 29,000 cubic yards of shoaling from Ontonagon Harbor at a cost of \$385,800.

The material dredged from all the harbors will be used to nourish nearby beaches.

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